

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Backward Classes Welfare Department – Dereliction of duty by Smt.R.Victoria Rani, the then HWO, GBCGH, Veldurthy, presently working as HWO, GBCGH, Kodumur, Kurnool District – Imposed the punishment of stoppage of two annual grade increments with cumulative effect – Revision petition filed- Penalty modified as stoppage of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect- Orders –Issued.

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BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE (VIG.1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 19

Dated:18.01.2014.

Read the following:

- 1) Proc.Rc.No. A/189/2002, Dt: 23.09.2002, of the Collector & District Magistrate, Kurnool.
- 2) Proc.Rc.No.B/340/2007, Dt:13.11.2007, of the District Collector (BCW Wing), Kurnool.
- 3) Proc.Rc.No.A1/3573/2010, Dt:29.10.2012, of the Director, BC Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad.
- 4) Revision petition of Smt R.Victoria Rani, HWO, Kurnool District, Dt.24.01.2013.
- 5) From the Commissioner, B.C.Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad, Lr.Rc.No.I/3573/2010, Dt: 26.10.2013.

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**ORDER:**

In the reference 1<sup>st</sup> read above, Smt R.Victoria Rani, Hostel Welfare Officer was placed under suspension, by the District Collector, Kurnool (Appointing Authority), as she was responsible prima- facie for negligence in taking preventive measures, to check the unhygienic and insanitary conditions, which resulted in mass ill health of the boarders of Government BC Girls Hostel, Veldurthy, Kurnool District.

2. The District Collector, Kurnool has framed the charges against the said delinquent / revision petitioner, with a direction to submit her explanation. As the explanation was not convincing and satisfactory, the Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Kurnool was appointed as Inquiry Officer to conduct detailed enquiry into the charges framed against the above said officer. The Inquiring Authority, after conducting the enquiry, submitted his enquiry report to the District Collector, Kurnool. The Inquiry Officer in his report has reported that, all the four (4) charges were held proved against the delinquent / revision petitioner.

3. In the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> read above , the District Collector, Kurnool, after following the procedure established by the law, has awarded the punishment of stoppage of two (2) increments with cumulative effect against the said delinquent / revision petitioner , for the dereliction of duties.

4. Aggrieved by the orders of the disciplinary authority, the said delinquent / revision petitioner has filed an appeal petition before the Appellate Authority i.e. Director, BC Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad against the punishment orders. The Appellate Authority has rejected the Appeal Petition of the individual and confirmed the punishment imposed by the District Collector, Kurnool, vide reference 3<sup>rd</sup> read above.

5. In the reference 4<sup>th</sup> read above , the aforesaid delinquent / revision petitioner, has filed a revision petition before the Government and requested to set aside the punishment orders i.e. Stoppage of two (2) annual grade increments with cumulative effect, imposed by the District Collector, Kurnool District.

6. The delinquent / revision petitioner, has appeared on 16.12.2013 before the Revision Authority and stated that she worked as Hostel Welfare Officer, GBCGH, Veldurthy, from 1997-2002 and also in charge of Government B.C.Girls Hostel at Bethamcherla, which is 35 kilo-meter away from Veldurthy. She has attended the

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duties one day each at Veldurthy and Bethamcherla. On receiving a phone call that the boarders of Government B.C.Girls Hostel at Veldurthy are vomiting, she has informed the situation to the higher authorities. The District Medical Health Officer and his team diagnosed the Hostel boarders and started treatment by giving ORS/Glucose. Due to responsive treatment, all the Hostel boarders were recovered. On that day, due to non-receipt of water from the public taps, the Hostel boarders had consumed the bore-well water, due to which the boarders were got ill-health. She has also stated that she has taken all the steps needed as an Official and saved all the boarders, by providing all medical facilities. She has also got the certificate of appreciation and incentive for the year 2006-07 from the Director, BC Welfare and also got certificate of appreciation for the year 2011-13 from the District Collector, Kurnool District. She has also arranged solar power system for the Hostels with donations.

7. Government after careful examination of the revision petition and with reference to the record of the case, have observed that, the aforesaid delinquent / revision petitioner was in charge of two girls hostels at the same time, namely BC Girls Hostel at Bethamcherla besides the BC Girls Hostel at Veldurthy, at the time of incident. The delinquent has brought to the notice of the higher authorities about the inadequate facilities available at the BC Girls Hostel at Veldurthy and also requested for shifting of the said Hostel, but there was no alternative in the Village to accommodate the strength of Hostel. The delinquent have also taken immediate steps for revitalization of boarders, who were infected duly providing required medical and moral support to the boarders. Further, as the problem of scarcity of water was prevailing in the Village panchayat, she has taken care to draw more water in the limited period by utilizing and arranging motor for the benefit of the boarders.

8. After careful examining the matter, Government hereby allowing the revision petition, partially order that, the punishment of stoppage of two annual grade increments with cumulative effect is modified as stoppage of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect.

9. The Commissioner, BC Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad/ District Collector, Kurnool District is requested to take further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**Dr.T.RADHA**  
**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To:

Smt R.Victoria Rani, HWO, formerly working at Veldurthy and presently working as HWO, Kodumur, Kurnool District **through** the District Collector, Kurnool District.

The Commissioner, B.C.Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad.(w.e)

The District Collector, Kurnool District – with a request to make necessary entries in the Service Register of the individual.

The DBCWO, Kurnool District – for information.

Copy to :

OSD to M (BCW), A.P., Hyderabad.

P.S. to Principal Secretary to Government (BCW) Department.

District Treasury Officer, Kurnool District.

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SECTION OFFICER